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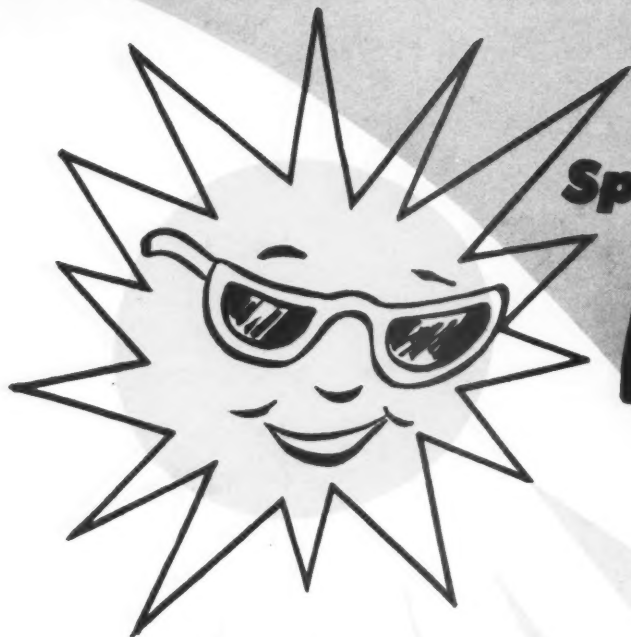
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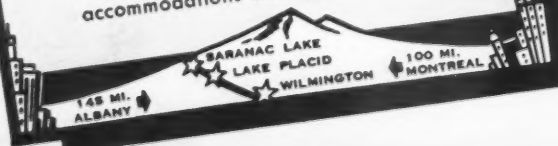
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Val d'Isère, France, is one of the loveliest vacation spots and most challenging ski areas in the Alps. The resort is noted for its lively night-life as well as balconied bedrooms. Photo by Hanson Carroll

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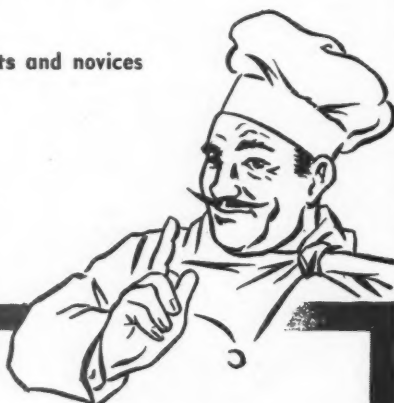


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Sirs:

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Unless your readers are the exceptionally "fast standing" type, they should benefit by the following results. Perhaps the findings will enable them to reach their favorite ski areas faster without actually exceeding their normal traveling speed.

Inanimate objects	Value (mph)
Metal ski rack	+4.2
Wood ski rack	-8.0
Each pair "name brand" skis	+2.0
All other skis, each pair	-4.0
Each pair with thongs	+0.5
Each pair skis with safety bindings	-1.0
Ski tips pointed back	+10.0
Ski tips pointed forward	-21.1
Sled or toboggan on ski rack	-15.2
Poles on ski rack, each pair	-3.5
Skis inside car	-12.4
Skis in trunk	-15.0
Snow tires	+6.8
Chains on tires before "chains required" sign	-16.7

Animate objects	Value (mph)
Each girl	+3.5
Each man	-3.5
Driver:	

With ski cap and jacket on	-10.2
With goggles on, an additional	-5.8
With boots on, an additional	-8.7

Application of these theoretical miles-per-hour ratings may show some people who drive well over the speed limits are, in actuality, propelling themselves rapidly backwards.

Mike E. Dederer

Seattle, Washington

Perplexities

Sirs:

I enjoyed your article by Doug Pfeiffer on parallel skiing tips published in your December issue. I have heard that he has had great success with the exercises in hopping, which he recommends highly.

I like the friendly discussion on wedeln. It is good for skiing, and in time I expect that most skiers will have a fling at it. It is interesting to recall a picture, taken twenty years ago, of Instructor Hans Georg, which shows him skiing in the "latest" (today) reverse shoulder position. Subsequently, under pressure, he

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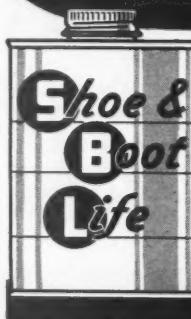
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reluctantly was persuaded to change his style to a "modern" (then) technique.

In 1949 I read a book published that year titled "Skiing Naturally" by Frank Harper. This book stressed turning by pushing the heels and, thereby, pointing the toes in the direction of the turn and, at the same time, getting the necessary power by reversing the shoulders.

There are two questions, however, that upon reading these discussions puzzle me. (1) That the majority of articles and letters indicate the movements in the Arlberg system of rotating and down-up-down add up to a lot of work—in other words, hard skiing. On the contrary, I have always marveled at the ease with which the good, strictly Arlberg parallel-skiers negotiate terrain, whether it be powder, hard or rough; or fast or fairly slow turns in speed; or sharp or gradual in angle. They do it without undue exaggeration in their movements or excessive crouching. I am referring to recreational skiing. (2) Concerning edging. Right along, I believe, all recreational instruction has stressed keeping edging at a minimum, especially since it was considered very hard on the ankles of the occasional or weekend skier, which the majority are. In fact, partly for the above reason, some instruction has stressed not edging by means of turning the ankles in, any more than necessary, in a traverse. One must edge by keeping the whole body, from the ankles up, directly over the skis and, of course, looking from behind, in a perpendicular position as if one were perhaps following a plumb-bob on a string. Wedeln seems to stress edging continuously.

Incidentally, last winter I asked a prominent parallel-skier whether he would consider Arlberg or wedeln easier to use in skiing. He stated, "Arlberg." He skis both types superbly. Perhaps this winter with the indication that a great many will want wedeln instruction, he would consider it wise not to give such a blunt reply.

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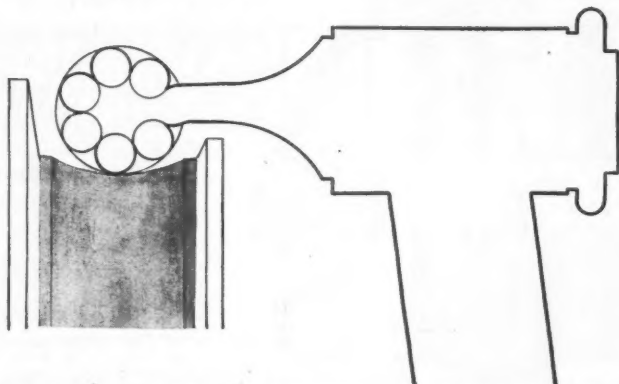
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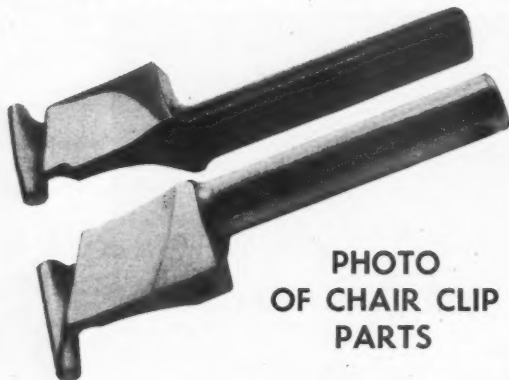
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Independent View

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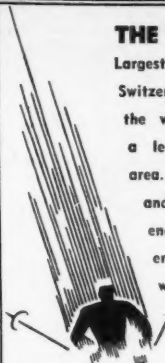
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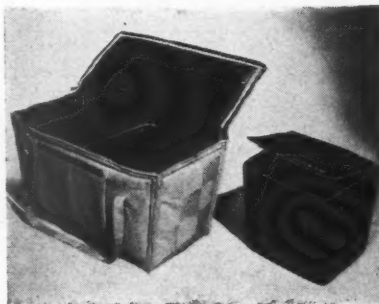
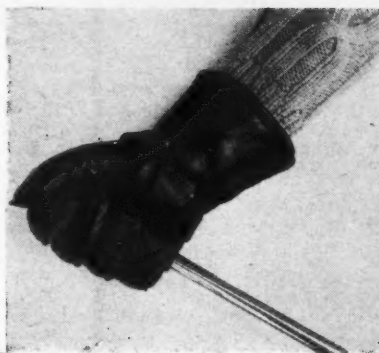
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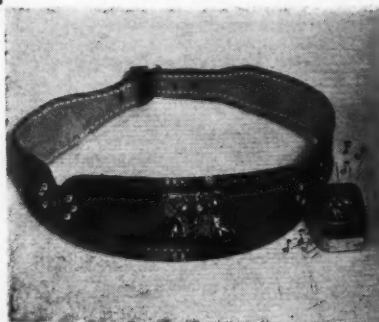
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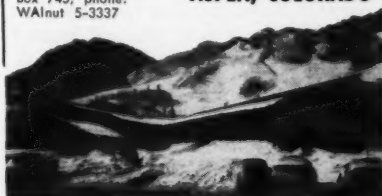
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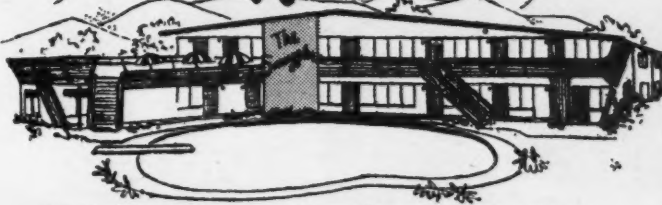
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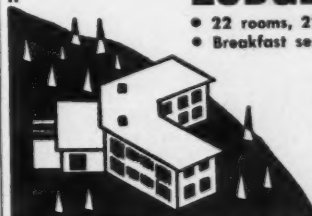
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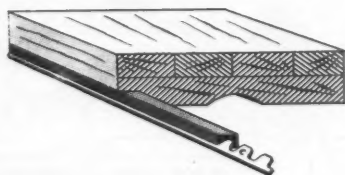
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Hobby: Skiing

Who wants to hire a bum?

by JOHN C. McHALE

ARE SKIERS good workers, or are they goof-offs? Do skiers, as a group, tend to put pleasure before ambition? Are they slobs? These are questions I have been asking myself because I am about to be hatched from college, and in my interviewing for the "big job" I have sensed something of a prejudice against skis, skiers and skiing.

Up until now I thought skiing was something anybody who didn't wished he did. I thought the skiing bunch was a gay, happy throng, universally loved, welcomed and admired at all times and by all people, save a few natives of ski areas who complain about city folk as they take the city folk's money. But I was wrong. I guess that I, as a skier (ugh), am not too neat. People are prejudiced against me. I am doomed to failure. Let me explain:

As I mentioned before, I am getting out of school. I have a master's degree in business. I am single. I "like to work with people," have good work experience like selling rat poison in Kentucky and picking cherries in Walla Walla, was on the freshman tug-o-war team—in short, I have a Personal Data Sheet that I am proud to present to an interviewer, except, it has turned out, for two things. Under the section "Hobbies and Interests" I have "skiing," and under "Locations Preferred," I list "Northeastern, Mountain, or Pacific Coast States," because I want to go "skiing," naturally. This is as bad as belonging to some communist-front youth group, I discovered.

For instance, several weeks ago I was having a second interview in a district office of a large soap company. I was sitting in the office of the district manager, chewing the fat with him and being real smart and "go get 'em." He got tired of listening to me pretty soon, so he lighted a cigarette and put on the horn rims. He then reached for my data file and started reading and mumbling to himself. "Yes, test scores good . . . worked for meals . . . hobbies and interests: skiing; locations preferred. . . ."

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way, "I see you like to go skiing, son. Why don't you tell me about skiing. You know, kind of why you like it, and like that."

So I offered him some of the classic metaphors: Being out there in the Great Out-of-Doors, Wings of Wood, Release from the Tension of Modern Living, etc., little suspecting what the man was building up to. He rocked forward in his chair suddenly, ground out his half-smoked cigarette, and started in on me.

"I thought you said you were ambitious, son. This skiing business and ambition don't mix. If you want to get ahead in this company, you have to go where this company wants you to go and love it, regardless of the part of the country."

I tried to pick myself up after the eggbeater I had taken, but I just couldn't seem to get my feet back under me. The man kept right on in spite of a couple of "far be it from me's" and "well yes, but of course's."

"Take my advice. Forget about skiing. It will hold you back not only in this company, but in any of the top corporations in the country. If that's so damned important to you, forget about a career in industry. Try to go into business for yourself in some place you'd like to be. With this company, I'd say you would have to make a choice—skiing or promotion."

Up to the present, I haven't heard from the company, and I will be surprised if I do. I kind of liked their style, too. But, I guess it can be chalked up to the martyr's role that skiers apparently have to play. Anyway, I figured that the district manager was kind of a grouch (personal grudge—ran ski pole through leg when young or something).

Right on the heels of my skiing interview with the soap company, however, I ran into more evidence of this insidious anti-ski prejudice. A friend of mine (skier, of course) got hit in the stomach, as it were, by a recruiter from a large electrical company. My friend happened to be yakking about the ski trip he was going to take over vacation when the recruiter snuck up on him. The company man invited my friend into one of the interviewing cubicles, and as the two were sitting down for the heart-to-heart, the company man said, "So you like to ski. And I see your father is a lawyer. I'll bet you never get any work done."

Naturally this didn't make my friend feel too well. He said, "Whaa?" The

recruiter quickly said he didn't mean anything by it—just joking, nothing personal at all. (Not much.) There was a decided lack of rapport throughout the rest of the interview. The boy has been turned down by the company, incidentally, and he still doesn't know exactly what the recruiter meant by the remark. Maybe the recruiter doesn't know either. Something made the remark slip out—something like bad experience with skiers' ability to produce when the old slopes beckoned.

One might imagine that the man wanted to push some work out by staying late one Friday night in February, only to find that everybody in the office was rushing out to catch the skiers' limited at six bells (non-nautical time). Or it might be something else like a young protégé who refused to be promoted away from Vermont.

These two interviewing incidents raise some questions. Both interviewers were experienced and represented good companies. Do other men in other corporations feel the same way about skiing—that skiers, as a group, tend to hold back when it comes to putting that shoulder to the good old wheel? Do boss-fellas like golfers and birdwatchers think that skimen are slobs?

Of course, there are many really outstanding people who seem to be outstanding in spite of their skiing: Governor Harriman, Lowell Thomas and Walter Paepke are three easy to mention. I have been sort of proud that these men and others are skiers. It's been exciting, too, the way the sport has grown in the fourteen years I have been skiing more or less seriously, and it's been fun the way my friends have taken to skiing. I certainly never thought I'd see the day when I'd be slow to admit I did such a nasty old thing as ski. Of course I love to ski, but if it is going to stand in the way of playing boy Horatio Alger, I am very much afraid that it is going to have to be shoved into the background (for a while, anyway). Under "Locations Preferred" sections of application forms I now have "No special preference, will go where there is greatest opportunity." Under "Hobbies and Interests"—"Sports" (generic term).

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Gardner Headwall in the Yellowstone country is mecca for summer skiers and racers at the High Road Slalom

by BEV WALLACE

LONG AFTER Mt. Washington devotees in the east have bid farewell to the last kernel of corn, northern Rocky Mountain skiers are still disporting themselves on the western equivalent: Gardner Lake Headwall. Like Tuckerman, Gardner is higher than the Empire State Building, and almost as steep. The main difference is that you don't have to climb. And here, in late June, the Silver Run Ski Club of Billings, Mont., holds the High Road Summer Slalom.

This annual giant slalom is sanctioned by the NRMSA, with cooperation of the U. S. Forest Service. Racers have been drawn from Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, Minnesota, Idaho, Utah, Washington, and California. The fourth annual event was held

June 23, 1957, and was the division's biggest race of the season.

The precipitous slope of Gardner Lake Headwall is located near the 10,994-foot summit of the Beartooth Plateau, on U. S. Highway 12 between Red Lodge and Cooke City, Montana—the awe-inspiring passageway to the northeast entrance of Yellowstone National Park. The scenic paved highway—closed every winter—beckons many fair-weather tourists to follow its steep but easily-driven switch-back route through heavy timber, past canyons 1,000 to 1,500 feet deep, on up above timber line, and back down again to wooded country and into the marvels of the park. From the section of highway above timber line, the ski races are easily viewed. It is easy to under-

stand why many of the spectators are vacationers, bound for the park, who chance to stop for an unexpected free show and for treats secured at "Ski Daddie Inn," the closed truck converted for use as a concession stand and operated at the race site by members of the host club.

Precipitous! Surely no one could deny that term to a ski slope that drops approximately 1,200 feet in less than a half mile, where an accidental slip or fall spells inevitable disqualification to the racer. The headwall is met at the bottom by still-frozen-over Gardner Lake.

The area is equipped with a portable rope tow, which is set up at the beginning of each summer skiing season. Since the headwall itself is too

◀ Giant slalom course drops over 1,000 feet from top of headwall to point near the lake. From finish, racers ride rope tow (concealed by foreground) part way up to highway. Visible in picture is loudspeaker of announcer's PA system

Gus Gnehm, Bozeman ski shop operator, hitches ride up highway to race start at top of Gardner Lake Headwall ▼



**Tuckerman
of the West
continued**



▲ **Bob Hardesty of Casper, Wyo.,
is first man on the course**



► **Spectators get spectacular view
of course from headwall rim and
rock "bleachers" along sides**

► **SKI editor Wolfgang Lert,
who took most of these photos,
foreruns second run of slalom**



▼ **The winner, who also had
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steep for the installation of such a tow, it is erected on a more gentle slope which leads up to the highway. After completing the course, racers have a short walk up to the tow. Then from the upper terminal of the tow they "bum a ride" with passing motorists for a mile or so to the 10,950-foot starting gate on the headwall.

Telephone communication is installed from the starting gate to the finish, and from the finish to the highway, where PA speakers announce the time of each contestant for the spectators.

The race weekend is marked by typical social activities, also, including a reunion banquet, a dance, and an early-morning outdoor breakfast.

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Fine cooperation shines as the leading factor in the success of the race. This year, of the Silver Run Ski Club's 300 members, over 150 served actively on committees planning and carrying out the weekend's functions. A record fifty-seven contestants were entered in this year's race.

Everyone everywhere talks about the weather, but when he is referring to the High Road Summer Slalom he is more likely to have a tone of anxiety in his voice. The date of the race is scheduled at a meeting of the Northern Rocky Mountain Ski Association the previous fall, when no one possibly could have an idea of what the weather will be like the following June. Each year, Lady Luck has been standing by with her ski bindings fastened and wearing her racing number. This year, for example, after the road already had been cleared for summer travel, it was closed several times because of heavy new snows, including the weekend just preceding the race. But on race day, the sun was beaming in all its glory, and skiers and spectators were looking around for more suntan lotion, not more clothes.



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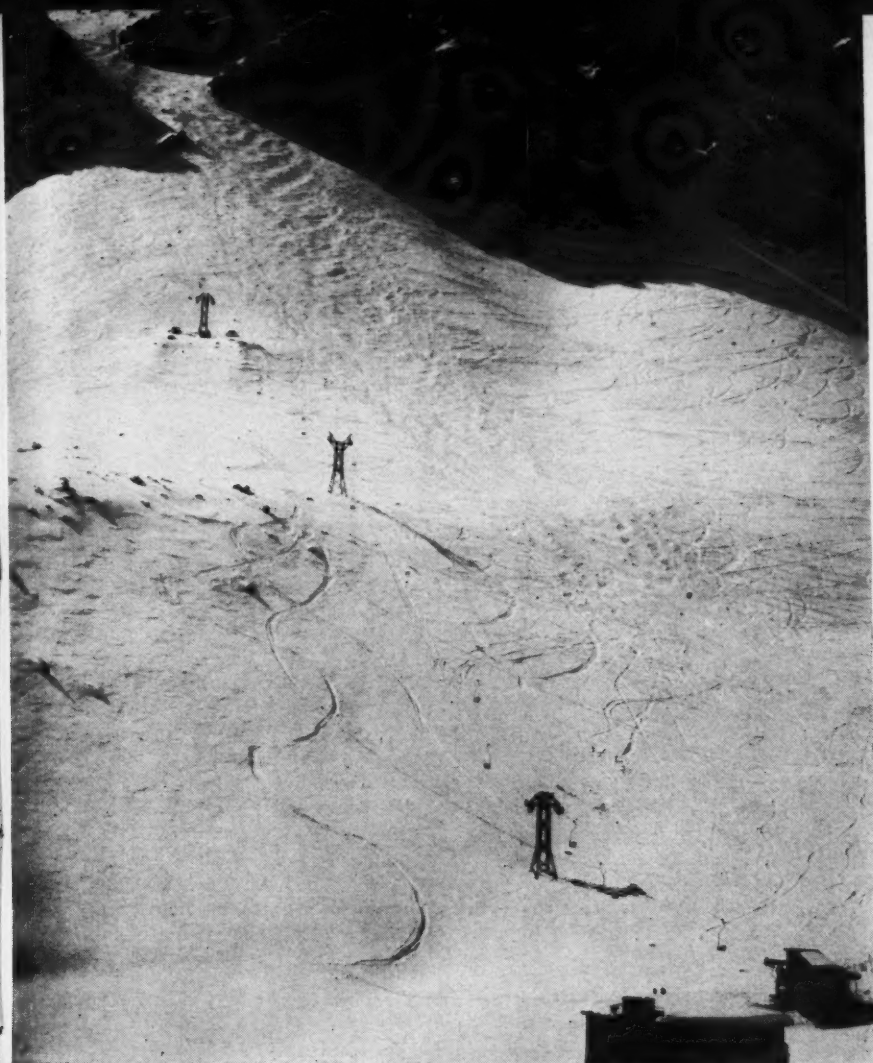


Blend of old world and new is symbolized by wrought-iron cross atop Coronado, ski peak at Farellones, popular Chilean resort only a short distance from warm-wintered Santiago

1. Chile

Snowfields at Llaime above Temulco, only two hours by plane from Santiago, seem limitless. Stay at refugio here, including meals, alpine lifts, even drinks, costs less than \$6 a day. A friendly volcano, Llaime puffs smoke without dusting slopes with ashes





Government-run Portillo, near Santiago, has luxury hotel, chair lift, steep piste and Stein Eriksen ski school, is favorite summer training ground of international ski stars



Siesta at Chillan, site of Chilean national championships: Rene Farwig, Bolivia, and Liliano Solari, Chile, play duet

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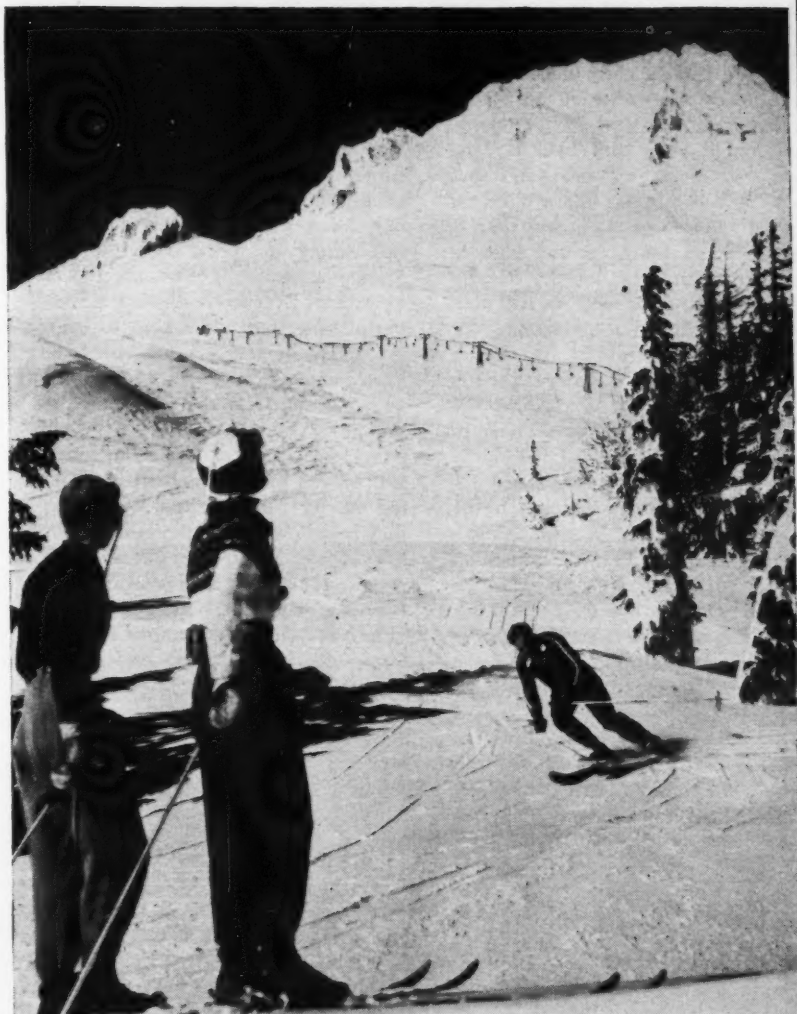


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3. U.S.A.

A few of us will be fortunate enough to ski at these wonderful places this summer—and other places, such as the glaciers of the Bernese Oberland in Switzerland, the rolling hills of Australia and the mountains of our own northwest. The rest of us will not feel too envious if we get in all the skiing we can during the next two months. At almost every North American ski area, March is the best month for snow and sun—unless it's April. And chances are, Easter will find us enjoying the most wonderful skiing of the season. To check those chances, turn the page ►

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AT STOWE, VT., one Saturday last April, we had the best skiing of the year. We had an early start, but the sun already was softening up Spruce Peak for us. We took a few runs on the double chair and wedeled and mamboed down in heavenly corn snow. It was fast but had a bite to it that let you slew your skis way outside your body in the turns and back in time to catch your weight. It was warm, and the air was so still that even on the lift you could take your shirt off with comfort.

Toward noon we skied over the top of Spruce and took a ride on the Smuggler's Notch Ski-Ways Pomalift. Back on Main Street we found the snow getting just a tiny bit slushy for our fussy taste, so we switched to the single chair lift on Mt. Mansfield—stopping at Spruce Peak Restaurant on the way for lunch and a sunbath.

At the Octagon we scraped the silver off our skis and headed down the Nose Dive and into the Slalom Glade. Know what we skied on there? Powder, yes—dry, fluffy powder. Toward the bottom it got a bit sticky and we had to avoid a stump or two—no bother, really. We skied there all afternoon, with time out for coffee

breaks and chitchat with the occupants of multicolored stretch pants lounging on the Octagon terrace. We quit at four-thirty.

And we thought: Here we've had a wonderful day of skiing. The snow is superb. We have been feeling warm, comfortable and relaxed all day, and our skiing shows it. There has been no waiting to speak of—no line at Spruce, a maximum of ten minutes on Mansfield. Everybody's having a wonderful time, but who's here to enjoy it outside of the same people who have come here for years in the spring, knowing this was the best time for skiing? Where are the weekend crowds that came earlier in the season and braved lift lines and frostbite for the sake of a little skiing? Why aren't they here now, when they could really have some fun? Why do so many people quit skiing after Washington's Birthday, when the best is yet to be?

And the same observation held true for Franconia, Mt. Snow and any of the other eastern areas that still had good skiing. The new Whiteface and Wildcat Mountain developments promise to stay open even longer.

The skiing public can still use some advice on the subject of when to go



"Wanna make one last run and call it quits for the season?"

skiing. The best month practically anywhere in the country is March. One reason important competitions are usually held late in the season is that the courses are likely to be in good condition. In the east, the skiing keeps getting better as long as the snow lasts.

December, when most people take ski vacations, is the riskiest month. In the east and midwest, there is sometimes no skiing at all in December, and what there is, is rarely superior. As a rule, snow conditions improve during the season and reach their height in March.

Why is this true? Is snowfall greater in March?

Here is the average monthly snowfall in inches for all New England and New York, over a period of sixty-seven years:

Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
12.75	16.35	16.45	11.8

Snowfall in March and December is about the same, considerably less than in the other two months. Heavy snows are not what makes March skiing so good. (One could almost say: the more cloudless days, the merrier.) So it must be the *accumulation* of snow that makes all the difference.

Here, expressed in percentages, is the average increase in snow depth of the last week in March over the last week in December at various ski areas in northern New York and New England over the stated number of seasons:

Snow Ridge, N.Y. (11) ...	169%
Cranmore Mt., N.H. (6) ..	200%
Mad River Glen, Vt. (7) ...	218%
Mt. Mansfield, Vt. (17) ...	219%
Cannon Mt., N.H. (10) ..	345%
Mt. Sunapee, N.H. (8) ...	417%

These simple figures are the result of assiduous digging by area managers and figuring by the SKI staff. They are the significant distillation of many pages full of statistics. (The results are expressed in percentages rather than ratios of depths in inches in order to avoid misleading comparisons between areas; each area has its own method of taking measurements, which may properly be compared only to other measurements taken at the same area.) They are the plain yet accurate statement of the fact that the snowpack gets deeper as the season progresses.

Snowpack—a most descriptive word. Not only is the snow deeper in March, but it has been compressed

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At high-altitude areas where the relative humidity is low and rain and thaws are infrequent, the pack never seems to get quite dense enough for granular snow to form. In the High Sierra, for example, the ski season starts earlier and lasts longer than in the east, but there is little or no spring skiing as easterners know it. Instead of "coming up" on the surface, the pack becomes mushy and "rotten" to a considerable depth. It ceases to be skiable long before it disappears. At low-altitude areas, on the contrary, whatever snow lingers is usually fun to ski on.

December is the bane of eastern

and midwestern area operators. What snow falls has no chance to settle before the skiers begin scraping it off the trails. The thin layer can be wiped out by a day of rain or a quick thaw before it becomes dense enough to resist. And yet, because of the Christmas holidays, a big chunk of every ski area's income depends upon having skiable snow in December. So does a big chunk of most people's days on skis—particularly in the case of skiing families and students.

The ski areas do what they can. Some, like Mad River Glen, have a policy of not starting up lifts as early as they might in December, in order to give the snow base a chance to build up. Many use packing machinery to consolidate each snowfall. Some have snowmaking machinery, a big help so long as the weather is cold enough. But risk remains.

Spring is the best time to ski in the east, and the spring skiing there is among the best in the country. Any eastern skier who can take his vacation in spring is well advised to do so.

SKI editor wants to restore Julian calendar, institute solar Easter and time off for Lent

An almost insurmountable difficulty confronting skiers is the fact that Christmas comes too early and Easter often too late.

If you suffered a snowless Christmas holiday this season, don't blame the weather man, or Ullr, or St. Peter—who's put himself out mightily on our behalf since the first of the year. It was Pope Gregory XIII who in 1582 "reformed" the Julian calendar by dropping ten days into limbo and made Christmas come that much earlier.

If, during Easter vacation last Spring, the snow was all gone at your favorite area, blame the Nicene Council of Christian Churches, which in the year 325 established the date of Easter in such a way that it varies from March 22 to April 25—a spread of thirty-five days (last year it fell on April 21).

This sort of reckoning may be satisfactory from an ecclesiastical point of view—or, so far as the Gregorian calendar is concerned, even from an astronomical point of view. But it plays the very devil with our skiing.

Too bad there was no Sir Arnold Lunn in Parliament in 1752, to protest the decree which completed the "reform" in western Europe and America and struck eleven days from the record. If we were still reckoning old-style, Christmas Day would have fallen on January 5 this year. By January 5 there was plenty of snow most everywhere, and we all would have enjoyed our-

selves during our holiday vacation.

Now that we all know the score, and skiers have acquired some political pull (witness the federal budget recommendation for \$4 million 1960 Olympic Winter Games subsidy), let's resist any further "reforms," and perhaps, in a couple of milleniums, things will be back to normal.

As for Easter, it should be based on the solar year instead of the Paschal full moon. Thus it would come at approximately the same time every year, preferably well within the ski season. In 1928 the British Parliament recommended the first Sunday after the second Saturday in April (so far without international approval), which seems a mite too late for some areas of the country—unless we could extend Easter vacations to include all the forty-some days of Lent! Myself, I suggest the first Sunday after the vernal equinox. That should give us a few days off during the last week in March, when snow conditions are at their prime at most big ski areas in this country. And in the east, the longer the snow lasts into April, the better it seems to get.

Actually, it is widespread ignorance of or indifference to this important fact, even more than ill-timed holidays, which causes many skiers to miss out on the best their sport has to offer. If they knew enough to, and wanted badly enough to, they would take their ski vacations in the spring.

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The Union Pacific train that left Los Angeles on Saturday, January 11, at 4:00 p.m. arrived at the Idaho ski town on Sunday at 4:30 p.m. A fresh fall of snow was coming down as guests registered at the Challenger Inn, but blue sky greeted the skiers Monday morning. Sunshine, warm weather, perfect powder snow gave the 288 guests who came on the special train six consecutive days of skiing more wonderful than many skiers find in a lifetime of pursuing the sport.

The train was planned early in the fall in an attempt to induce skiers to

come to Sun Valley in January rather than in February when the resort is over-crowded. Skiing is always at its best in January; classes in the ski school are smaller; and the Sun Valley management has for years wrinkled its brow over how to induce skiers to take advantage of this.

The ski train this year proved a perfect solution. The train was made up of eight of the Union Pacific's newest sit-up coaches, with foot rests and plenty of leg room. It had two lunch-counter diners. More important from the ski crowd's point of view was the baggage car fitted up for dancing and fun. A piano was on board and Ernie Brunner's trio, borrowed from the Holiday Hut at Sun Valley, entertained.

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Such goodies as Rossignol, Head and Gresvig skis, ski clothes from White Stag, Bogner of Munich, Picard or Sun Valley and Lane's General Store, after-ski clothes from Lanz of California, Duofold underwear, Henke and Bally Mille boots, Cubco bindings, Ski Trailer hats, Bouton goggles, Gamet gloves, St. Bernard medals, a Rosemarie Reid bathing suit, a Bell & Howell camera and a Norwegian sled were given to the king and queen or

won as prizes in contests. One guest rode a bongo board for seven and a half minutes on the moving train to win the balancing board and also the everlasting gratitude of the Union Pacific for demonstrating how smooth a roadbed can be.

John Jonas of the Jonas Ski Chalet in Los Angeles kept the train supplied with See's candy, and Anheuser-Busch contributed that fine beverage, Michelob beer.

Rates as low as \$149.95 gave skiers transportation, lodging in the chalets, three meals a day and six days in the ski school. Many of the skiers, however, preferred to pay more for rooms with private baths in the Challenger Inn.

Baggage and skis were checked in at the station in Los Angeles and delivered directly to rooms in the Challenger Inn. The one tragedy was a pretty girl's suitcase that did not turn up. It was discovered later at home in her own bedroom. Helpful friends loading the car to go to the Los Angeles station had taken along one bag with clothes the young lady found too formal for wear on the ski trip, but had left the one with the necessary woolies at home.

Pleased with the praise that its passengers gave the first ski train, Sun Valley is now contemplating repeating the Los Angeles train next season, and also running one from Chicago and perhaps from Seattle.



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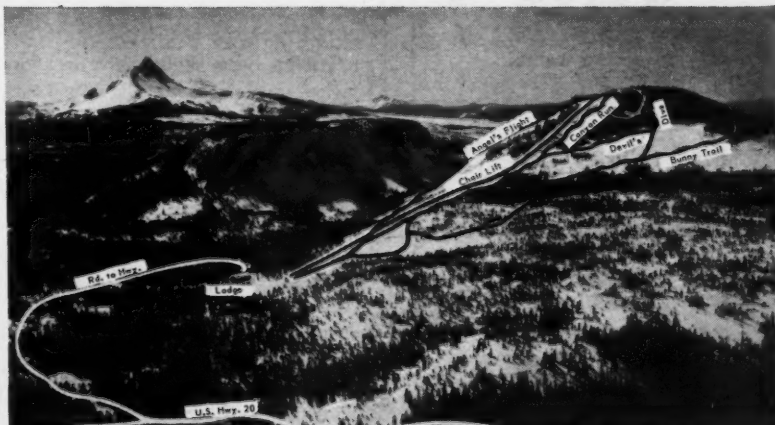
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IF YOU'VE been skiing only once or twice, or perhaps are planning your first ski trip, this story is intended for you only. I took off ten days to go skiing over Christmas and New Year. I'm not ashamed to say I was scared to death. What if I didn't like it? What if I were so clumsy they wouldn't be able to teach me anything?

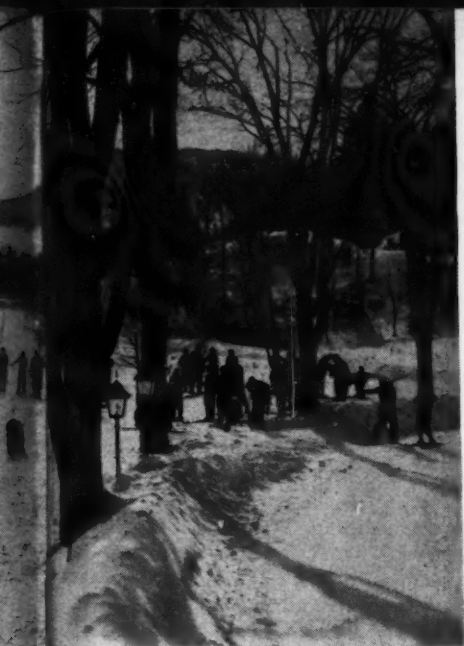
Actually I worried myself to death over nothing. When I arrived at Gray Rocks Inn, St. Jovite, Canada, with another novice from my home town of Philadelphia, Edith Kremer, there wasn't a bit of snow. First time in sixty-two years and we hit it. The Laurentians were in their full "green" glory. Since experienced skiers were complaining about no snow, we felt we should do the same—although at heart we were relieved not to have to put those skis on.

We did learn to ice skate, though, on a beautiful lake right outside the

inn, and skate we did for five days. One consolation for us females was that as we piled down into the lobby each morning, "dejected" because of no snow, the most handsome man I ever saw (hotel clerk Jacques Rey) would give out with one of his "it's definitely going to snow today" smiles.

The day after Christmas we awoke to a world of white. The first thought that struck me was, "I don't even know how to put my skis on!"

Réal Charette, director of the famous Snow Eagle Ski School at Gray Rocks, rang the bell and, shortly after, over a hundred of what looked to me like "pro" skiers were in the assembly area. What amazed me was the speed with which Réal assigned everyone to the right class. He asked you how long you had been skiing, seemed only partially to listen to your answer, and then would introduce you to your instructor. Several days later, I asked Réal how he could get the right peo-



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by JOAN SALL

ple in the right classes so quickly and never slip up. This cagey fellow had a cagey answer. As the student is telling Réal his previous experience, Réal glances at his boots, checks to see whether the skis are rented or bought, his clothing correct, etc. I figured I might have fooled Réal with my new equipment.

"You wore your socks outside your pants," Réal told me.

He mentioned how important it is that a student is not put in a class too advanced for him and, likewise, it's just as bad to assign him to a class which might be too elementary.

"The boys usually try to get in higher classes and girls always underestimate their ability," Réal said. "And speaking about differences between the male and female species," Réal continued, "start five male and five female beginners in the same class. The girls invariably do better than the

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men until they reach a certain point—say a christie into the fall line—and then comes the change. The men shoot ahead because they've got the courage. The women are too worried about self-preservation!"

The Snow Eagle Ski School is the oldest in Canada. In 1949, Réal Charette became its director. He now has twenty-five instructors under him, all certified by the Canadian Ski Instructors' Alliance, of which Réal is president. The course for an instructor is a rigid one, and Réal is as much interested in good teachers as good skiers. One advantage in learning how to ski in Canada is that all certified instructors of the Canadian Ski Instructors' Alliance teach a uniform system. A student can graduate from one class to the next, go to a different resort, and take up where he left off.

For my first ski lesson at Gray Rocks, Réal assigned me to a young instructor named Denis Tremblay. He helped me put on my skis, told me to walk around on them to get the feel, showed me how to climp up a hill and then come down straight, with both skis together. In my afternoon



class, there were five of us and we learned to snowplow as a means of controlling our speed and coming to a complete stop.

It was rather exhausting walking up the practice slope each time, but as we went down for our turn, Denis always yelled out in his French accent, "Gud! Gud!"—no matter how terribly we were doing. This helped, I must admit. He was so happy when we finally did it right, we began to feel like skiers. Next day Denis taught us snowplow turns. With "Gud, Gud" constantly being yelled at us, we finally accomplished this too.

At some point during each two-hour session, Réal would come over to our class, watch each of us ski, and give out a few pointers—not the sort Denis stressed like "up and down," "bend your knees," etc., but such things as: "Smile—it's fun!" As he told us, "A skier must be alert but can't be tense. He should feel like he is on a dance floor, flirting, with a wink in his eye."

I found this excellent advice, but still find the dance floor easier.

Réal feels the fault of most ski

schools is that they keep beginners on the practice slope too long. Students lose interest and think of skiing as work, not pleasure. At Gray Rocks, control is stressed the first few days. Once you have mastered the snowplow turn, up the T-bar you go. For us, that was on the third day. Standing in line at the T-bar, we finally felt like skiers (one girl carried thirty cents in her pocket for three days hoping to ride the T-bar).

I wasn't the least bit afraid of coming down the mountain, but I was scared to death of going up. Don't ask me how Réal knew I was more scared than the rest, but as my turn neared, he very gallantly asked if I would ride up with him. The whole way I keep asking questions like, "How do I stand? What do I do? Why am I slipping off? What the devil am I doing here?"

Réal never answered one of my questions. He just kept talking about the beautiful scenery, nodded to a few people along the way who fell off, and before I knew it, I was at the top.

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lay helpless along the side, trying desperately to get my skis going in the same direction, my friends coming up the lift directed various humorous remarks at me. After this I was a full fledged T-bar rider.

On the fourth day, Réal told me to advance to the next class. Sorry as I was to leave Denis and my old friends, I was thrilled to be going forward. (I had had visions of being demoted several times.) Now I was going to learn a christie into the hill. My new teacher, Ab Boley, had a completely different approach from Denis. Instead of yelling "Gud, Gud" as we took our turns, Ab yelled "lousy" or "coward," if we fell or just plain, "That's the most miserable christie I ever saw."

One thing you had to say for Ab, he was honest and besides was good to look at. When he said "lousy"—with a smile of course—I was the first to agree and wanted all the more to do it right the next time. But when he finally said "Beau-ti-ful" you felt ready for the Olympics. After trying this christie into the hill several times without getting the sliding effect, I decided to

avoid his good instructions and do it my own way by jumping a bit to get my skis around.

Result: a sprained ankle (but at least I learned my release binding worked). With my friend, Edie, who also sprained her ankle, we went into the nearby town of St. Jovite, had X-rays, got our ankles taped, and having only missed one class, were back on skis.

On Near Year's Eve, my last night at Gray Rocks, I was ready to celebrate and with a clear conscience. I'd worked hard, and in six days, I'd learned more than I ever thought possible. The method of instruction at Gray Rocks impressed me as being tops. Maximum in a class is twelve. Three-fourths of my classes had under six. Instructors called you by your first name, mingled with guests in the evening and got to know you personally.

Réal Charette told me that "since we can't offer the biggest mountain in the world, we decided to offer the best ski school."

I'm going back to Gray Rocks as soon as I get the money and time off.



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And for you beginners, I've one more thing to say. Don't wait for a fellow beginner to go away with you or you might never make it. I met hundreds of the friendliest people up there. After skiing I used to try to make my way into the back of the bar where my "gang" sat. It sometimes took me as long as an hour. People I had casually met in my afternoon ski class would beg me to join them. I'm so thrilled about skiing and skiers that I'm giving up summer vacations and, from now on, I'm going to devote my holidays to skiing!



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4. Chris, from Minnesota, Linda and June tackle the evening stack of dishes

the skiing

by ANN PASS

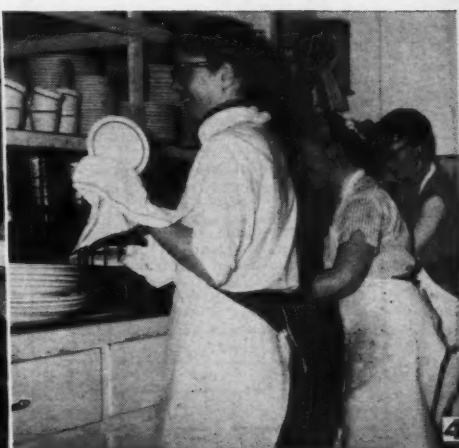


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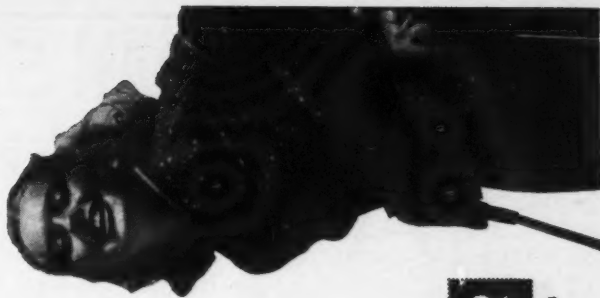
The National Ski Association is asking Aspen, Colo., to sponsor pre-Olympic alpine events in 1960, and Steamboat Springs, Colo., to sponsor pre-Olympic nordic events. Sun Valley, Ida., and Stowe, Vt., are being asked to sponsor post-Olympic alpine races. . . . Malcolm McLane of Concord, N.H., has been elected chairman of the U.S. Olympic Ski Games Committee in charge of U.S. entries in the 1960 games. Committee members are Nelson Bennett, Sun Valley, Ida.; Grant Ford, Denver, Colo.; Dr. Amos Little, Helena, Mont.; Stuart MacLaren, Marino, Calif.; Allison Merrill, Lebanon, N.H.; Sepp Ruschp, Stowe, Vt.; Willy Schaeffler, Denver; and Robert R. "Bobo" Sheehan, Middlebury, Vt. . . . According to a reliable source, the \$4 million earmarked in the federal budget for the 1960 Olympic Winter Games will be used to subsidize travel and maintenance of foreign athletes and to reimburse the army for the use of troops—not to build facilities at Squaw Valley.

Four million dollars' worth of ski facilities were officially opened on January 25 at Whiteface Mountain, Wilmington, N.Y., and Wildcat Mountain, Pinkham Notch, N.H. Governor Averell Harriman dedicated New York State's new chair lift area to the Tenth Mountain Division of World War II fame, and the division's combat CO, Major General George P. Hayes of New Rochelle, N.Y., was there to accept. At Wildcat, dignitaries included Governor and Mrs. Lane Dwinell, 1960 Olympic organizer Robert L. King and Dr. Felice Savio, designer of the Telecar gondola lift. . . . In the east, heavy January snowstorms and an effervescence of bottled-up ski fever helped ski areas recoup some of the loss sustained during a snowless holiday season. On the first weekend in February, several areas enjoyed all-time record crowds—including Okemo Mountain, Ludlow, Vt., with 2,000 on the slopes, Cranmore Mountain at North Conway, N.H., Mt. Snow at West Dover, Vt., and others. . . . The Vermont Development Commission's new edition of the Vermont Handbook of Lodging and Eating Places contains addresses of central housing offices for all major ski areas in the state. For your free copy, write the commission at Montpelier.

Big names in European jumping this season have been Switzerland's Walter Dascher, Austria's Willy Egger and Walter Steinegger, Russia's Nikolai Kamenski, Koba Tsakadse, Nikolai Schamov and Boris Nikolayev; East Germany's Helmut Recknagel, Werner Lesser and Harry Glass; West Germany's Max Bolkart. Canada's Jacques Charland has been jumping some ten meters short of the winning leaps. The Finns, favored to win the world championship, have not taken part in international competition this

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The Spring is also "Boy meets Girl" time. Each year

we bring down a new crop of handsome young ski instructors from Canada and Europe. Our stateside girls take one look at them, and the mortality rate in our ski school is high! Mount Snow is practically running a marriage bureau. If I could only charge a commission on every Mount Snow marriage, then I could easily build all of those 14 lifts! Seriously, long lazy days in the sun, beautiful sweaters on still more beautiful girls, five chairlifts and miles of trails can make for a wonderful Spring vacation. Give us a call after the snow reports are gone. We can often surprise you with many feet of wonderful snow. See you soon!

—Walt Schoenknecht



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season, while jumpers of the other Scandinavian countries are rated as having only a slim chance. . . . Upcoming events in Europe include the Arlberg-Kandahar at St. Anton March 7-9 and the Holmenkollen at Oslo March 13-16, in which Americans are planning to compete. The Norwegian Association for the Promotion of Skiing, which sponsors the Holmenkollen, celebrates its seventy-fifth anniversary this year. . . . World champion Toni Sailer has been offered the starring role in a German film depicting his skiing career. . . . Anderl Molterer, Austrian ski star, has been planning to visit Aspen, Colo., immediately after the FIS races at Badgastein and enter the Roch Cup there, according to the *Aspen Times*. . . . Sir Arnold Lunn will celebrate his seventieth birthday, April 18, by publishing a book, *The Bernese Oberland*, an entertaining and informative guide for visitors to Switzerland's winter playground. . . . At the first Commonwealth Winter Games in St. Moritz, in which Australians, New Zealanders, British and other members of the Commonwealth competed, Canadians swept all events—take the first five places in the combined, first three in the slalom and first eight in the downhill. . . .

Spring Trade Shows (not open to the public): Denver, April 13-15, Hotel Albany; Seattle, April 26-29, Olympic Hotel; New York, April 27-30, Hotel Sheraton-McAlpin; San Francisco, May 4-7, Whitcomb Hotel; Los Angeles, May 11-14, Hayward Hotel. The New York show, known as the National Winter Sports Show, will as in the past have manufacturers, importers and distributors as well as representatives as exhibitors; at the western shows, only qualified representatives may exhibit. Buyers of ski merchandise for resale are welcome to all shows and may obtain full information by contacting J. Andrew Squires, 23 East 26th St., New York City; and Mrs. Dorothy K. Freeman, 891 Woodlawn Ave., Menlo Park, Calif. . . . The Nelson Edge, a continuous edge designed for

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mounting on wooden skis, is now installed in a plastic casing which further increases its resistance to sudden impact. . . . The Paris Mfg. Co. of South Paris, Me., has been awarded a government contract to produce 16,000 pairs of skis for the army. At least a part, presumably, of the "pentomic" army of the future will be able to maneuver in snowdrifts. . . . Dartmouth Skis, Inc., of Hanover, N.H., has announced that it will henceforth be national distributor for Kästle skis and eastern distributor for the Marker binding.

Mammoth Mountain near Bishop, Calif., potentially a great resort as well as one of the country's top ski areas (SKI, January, 1958), will get a luxury hotel this year. Financed by Los Angeles skier-lawyer Jim Hurley, the big lodge is being designed by skier-architect Ted Boutmy and will be managed by skier-hoteliere Johnny and Frankie O'Rear, now of Devil's River Lodge on the north side of Mont Tremblant, P.Q. . . . Heavenly Valley on the south shore of Lake Tahoe in California should have another chair lift next season, according to manager Chris Kurausa. As the original partnership converts to corporate structure, stock is being sold to the public at ten dollars a share, with ten shares the minimum offering. . . . Aspen ski instructor Claus Obermeyer, who also imports Garmisch boots and other ski merchandise, is nursing a broken wrist. Two schussboomers collided in front of him, and he was forced to ski into rocks to avoid them.

The Dartmouth ski team, coached by Al Merrill and assistant Bill Beck, again captured its own winter carnival. The college plays host to the NCAA championships February 28-March 1. Favored team is Denver, the defending champion, coached by Willy Schaeffler. . . . Mad River Glen at Waitsfield, Vt., is now easily accessible from the west side of the Green Mountains via the new McCulloch Turnpike, scenic route through Appalachian Gap. . . . Monique Langlais of Quebec City, 1956 Canadian Olympic team member who broke her leg in training, has joined the teaching staff of the Mont Tremblant Ski School under the direction of Ernie McCulloch. . . . USE-ASA and former NSA president Ed Eaton lost three fingers recently—shoveling snow. Caught his hand in one of the new-fangled snow clearance machines. . . . Toni Matt of North Conway, N.H., severely injured in the 1953 Harriman Cup races at Sun Valley, is back on skis again. Toni heads the ski department of the Carroll Reed Ski Shop chain. . . . Dick Ireland, ski school head at Okemo Mountain, Ludlow, Vt., has added to his staff of instructors. . . . Lecturer Victor Coty's new wedeln film features Willis Barrows, head instructor of the ski school at Smuggler's Notch Ski-Ways, Jeffersonville, Vt. . . . Leo Massa of Matawan, N.J., beat out Mack Miller for the national cross-country crown at Rumford, Me. . . . Herbert E. Wolfram, Manchester, Conn.

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▲ Skiing during New England Governors' Conference at Stowe, Vt., were Lane Dwinell (N.H.), Edmund Muskie (Me.), Joseph



SPEECHES AND CHAMPAGNE

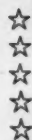
Eastern governors
show up on skis

◀ Gov. Averell Harriman of New York speaks before opening ceremonies of new Whiteface Mountain Ski Center near Wilmington, N.Y. Harriman and area manager Art Draper later got stuck for half hour on chair lift while crew fumbled with switchover from electric to auxiliary diesel



Johnson (Vt.), and
Abraham Ribicoff (Conn.).
Foster Furcolo (Mass.)
arrived too late
to do any skiing

Mrs. Lane Dwinell smashes bottle of champagne over governor's head (inside gondola) at opening of Telecar lift at Wildcat Mountain, Pinkham Notch, N.H. Also in car is Robert L. King, head of 1960 Olympic organizing committee ▼



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NEWS IN BRIEF

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reports his Hart skis #10100 were stolen. Keep your eyes peeled. . . . **Borje Nilsson** of Sweden has joined the staff of the ski school at **Laurel Mountain**, Ligonier, Pa., under direction of **Ralph Des Roches**.

. . . Latest eastern area to open a nursery for three- to six-year-old children of skiing parents is **Snow Ridge**, Turin, N.Y.

Skiers who missed the February 10 issue of Life magazine should look up a copy. **George Silk's** color shots illustrating "The Skier's Own World" in haunting perspective are a triumph of creative photography, in the opinion of SKI editors. . . . The heated outdoor swimming pool at **Lutsen Resort**, Minn., is covered by a transparent Mylar canopy which provides comfortable swimming even on sunless days and in below-zero temperatures. . . . Expansion of ski facilities on **Mt. Norquay**, Banff, Alberta, appears likely with a gondola planned for this year and possibly an auxiliary T-bar as well. . . . **Squaw Valley**, Calif., site of the 1960 Olympic Winter Games, has instituted a series of Sunday "Olympic" slaloms open to all skiers. . . . **Don Schwartz**, ski school head at **Mont du Lac**, Duluth, Minn. and **Loch Lomond Ski Area**, Fort William, Ont., demonstrates wedeln in a new fifteen-minute color film. . . . In the **Schwaegler Cup** junior races at **White Pass**, Yakima, Wash. this season 230 entries were re-

U.S. NORDIC TEAM

The U.S. nordic team scheduled to compete at **Lahti**, Finland, in the world championships March 1-9 has been selected as follows:

Special jumping: **Willie Erickson** and **James House**, Kingsford, Mich.; **Rudi Maki**, Ishpeming, Mich.; **Dick Rahoi**, Iron Mountain, Mich.; **Ansten Samuelstuen**, Denver, Colo.; **Arthur Tokle**, Rockaway, N.J.; coach, **Olav Ulland**, Seattle, Wash.

Special cross-country: **Sven Johansson**, Anchorage, Alaska; **Leo Massa**, Matawan, N.J.; **Mack Miller**, McCall, Ida.; **Tauno Pulkkinen**, Brooklyn, N.Y.; coach, **Sven Wiik**, Gunnison, Colo.

Nordic combined: **Frank Cammack**, Wenatchee, Wash., **Alfred Vincelette**, Denver, Colo., and **Highland Falls**, N.Y.; coach, **Sven Wiik**.

Team manager is **Gustav F. Raam**, Seattle.

Funds are low and contributions are urgently needed. These may be addressed to **FIS Fund**, National Ski Association, 1130 16th St., Denver, Colo.



Sailmoviemaker John Biddle chats with skimoviemakers John Jay, Warren Miller, at recent get-together in Philadelphia

corded—probably a national record for any sanctioned event—and all but four or five of the boys and girls actually competed. Among young talent being developed in the northwest are Mike Buckley, seventeen, of Yakima, winner of the expert-class junior men's combined; the Saubert sisters of Sweet Home, Ore.—Jean, fifteen, current national junior champion, and Joan, seventeen, who won the expert junior women's combined at White Pass; and Cathy Nagel, six, the youngest contestant and daughter of Jack Nagel, former Olympian who is now ski school director at Stevens Pass. The northwest may produce another Jack Nagel, Jannette Burr or Gretchen Fraser in time for the 1960 Olympics.



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LUCILE WHEELER of Canada, world champion in both giant slalom and downhill, a feat reminiscent of the 1952 Olympics at Oslo, where Andrea Mead Lawrence placed first in slalom and giant slalom. Lucile's performance in slalom (above) was good enough for fourteenth place and second in the three-way combined. Her teammate Anne Heggveit of Ottawa was sixth in combined



Bud Werner, America's greatest threat to Austrian supremacy, concedes defeat to champion Toni Sailer at Kitzbuhel (above) and again in Badgastein races



Josl Rieder, slalom winner, is only man to share title of world champion with Toni Sailer, took 2nd in combined

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MEDAL FOR THE U.S.: Sally Deaver, most consistent performer among American women this season, went all out in the giant slalom and won the silver medal for second

Summing Up the World Championships

by ROLAND PALMEDO

BADGASTEIN, February 9—A late unexpected success and a last-minute disappointment closed our teams' efforts in the world alpine ski championships today after the girls' team's modestly good results in downhill and slalom.

Sally Deaver's second place in giant slalom elated the American group here. It was a happy finish—the best U.S. showing since Andrea Mead Lawrence's triumphs in Norway in 1952.

But a tragic finale came this afternoon when Bud Werner, after running the first half of the downhill course superbly, lost his line, then recovered—only to fall later at the last control gate before the finish. Losing a ski, he finished on one.

On the basis of previous events Werner had held fourth place in the race for the combined title and was favored for a medal by most European sportswriters and fans.

On the whole our team did extremely well, and we should be proud of them.

Continental speaking, Toni Sailer is still the idol here after winning three of four firsts this week. He now has won

seven world titles, an all-time record—the previous record having been Rominger's four a decade ago.

Lucile Wheeler's two firsts and a second in the combined make her the Andy Mead of Canada—a great triumph.

The Austrian girls were a disappointment yesterday. For instance, their first finisher was ninth. But on the whole Austria again dominated the meet as at Cortina, taking four out of eight gold medals, four silvers and one bronze. The Norwegian girls put on an excellent show.

Snow has been excellent and the courses, by dint of two years' preparation and constant conditioning, were in beautiful shape despite exceptionally little snowfall this season.

Most moving moment of the week came at the second outdoor prize-giving Friday evening in honor of the Manchester United soccer players and English sportswriters killed in an airplane crash the previous day in Munich. Floodlights were extinguished and during a moment of pitch-black silence the thousands present realized acutely that the lovers of all sports in all countries have a deep common bond of comradeship.

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▲ Renee Colliard of Switzerland, defending slalom champion, is put out of the running with a leg injury. Casualties in training and racing ran to about a dozen racers. Among Americans, Betsy Snite ran slalom with bad ankle and knee



◀ Victory smile is given by Inger Bjoernbakken of Norway, surprise winner in slalom at Badgastein. Her Norwegian teammates also performed superbly

Under terrific pressure as the only U.S. man with a chance of winning, ► Bud Werner slips into a hairpin on his way to a laudable fourth in slalom. Subsequent fifth place in giant slalom kept him in running for combined, but both he and Tom Corcoran fell in downhill and finished on one ski

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LINEUP OF U.S. ALPINE SKI TEAM, from left to right: Madi Springer-Miller, Sally Deaver, Betsy Snite, Penny Pitou, Linda Meyers, Nonie Foley, coaches Pepi Gabl and Othmar Schneider, Marvin Melville, Bud Werner, Dave Gorsuch, Marvin Moriarty, Tom Corcoran, Max Marolt. Not in picture but important behind the scenes are managers Jim Huidekoper and Putzi Hiller

U. S. PLACEMENTS

	SLALOM	GIANT SLALOM	DOWNHILL	COMBINED
SALLY DEAVER	19	2	24	8
NONIE FOLEY	—	13	—	—
LINDA MEYERS	15	30	19	13
PENNY PITOU	—	—	11	—
BETSY SNITE	25	—	—	—
MADI SPRINGER-MILLER	Disq.	23T	28	—
TOM CORCORAN	36	15	45	14
DAVE GORSUCH	—	24	16	—
MAX MAROLT	41	—	—	—
MARVIN MELVILLE	—	38	19	—
MARVIN MORIARTY	19	—	—	—
BUD WERNER	4	5	36	7

FIS MEDAL WINNERS

MEN	SLALOM	GIANT SLALOM	DOWN HILL	COMBINED
1.	Josl Rieder	Toni Sailer	Toni Sailer	Toni Sailer
2.	Toni Sailer	Josl Rieder	Roger Staub	Josl Rieder
3.	Chiharu Igaya	Roger Staub	Jean Vuarnet	Roger Staub
WOMEN				
1.	Inger Bjoernbakken	Lucile Wheeler	Lucile Wheeler	Frieda Dänzer
2.	Putzi Frandl	Sally Deaver	Frieda Dänzer	Lucile Wheeler
3.	Annemarie Waser	Frieda Dänzer	Carla Marchelli	Putzi Frandl

Dig Those Crazy Skis

New tops for old hickories

by PAT EDWARDS

THERE IS nothing so dull as the skis you see stacked up beside the warming houses across the nation. Time and time again I have searched frantically for my old brown boards hidden among hundreds of other old brown boards. The only way to identify most skis is by the personal touches left on them by a tree or boulder.

Two years ago I drove three hundred miles from a ski area in a neighboring state only to discover on arriving home that I had carried off a pair of skis that looked the same (they must have hit the same rocks mine did)—but the owner's feet were much smaller. Three weeks, five letters and two long-distance calls later I located and arranged for an exchange. Incidentally those three weeks produced the finest snow we'd had locally for two years. At this point I decided something had to be done.

I looked at the change in ski attire. Parkas were gay and bright; sweaters were as wild as the knitter could make them; ski pants were finally coming out in something other than black or navy; and ski hats had gone completely berserk. Even the boots, though still black, had become so complicated they could be easily identified. But except for a few hot models, the skis always stayed the same. No imagination!

I made up my mind my skis were going to be so outstanding I could never lose them again. Paints, brushes, sandpaper, a book on designs and I was ready to go. Skiing friends stopped in and asked what kind of base I was applying this year. I know I shocked them when I declared, "To heck with the bottom; this year I work on the top."

As long as I was sticking my neck out, I decided to go all the way. Coats and coats of white paint, hours of sanding and waiting for the paint to dry, gave me time to work out a pattern on paper. It is not the easiest thing in the world to dream up an attractive design for a long, skinny piece of wood. I ended up with a

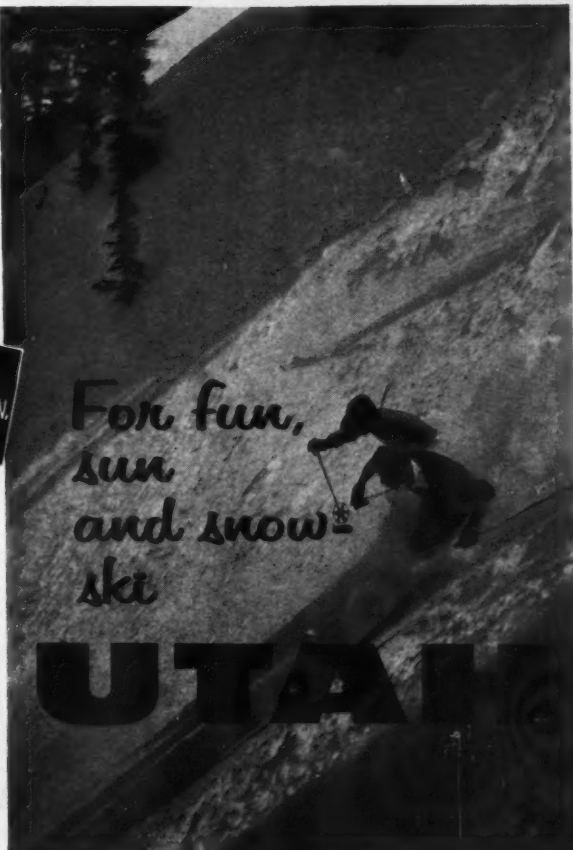


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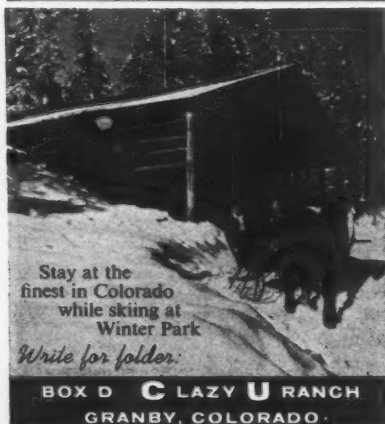
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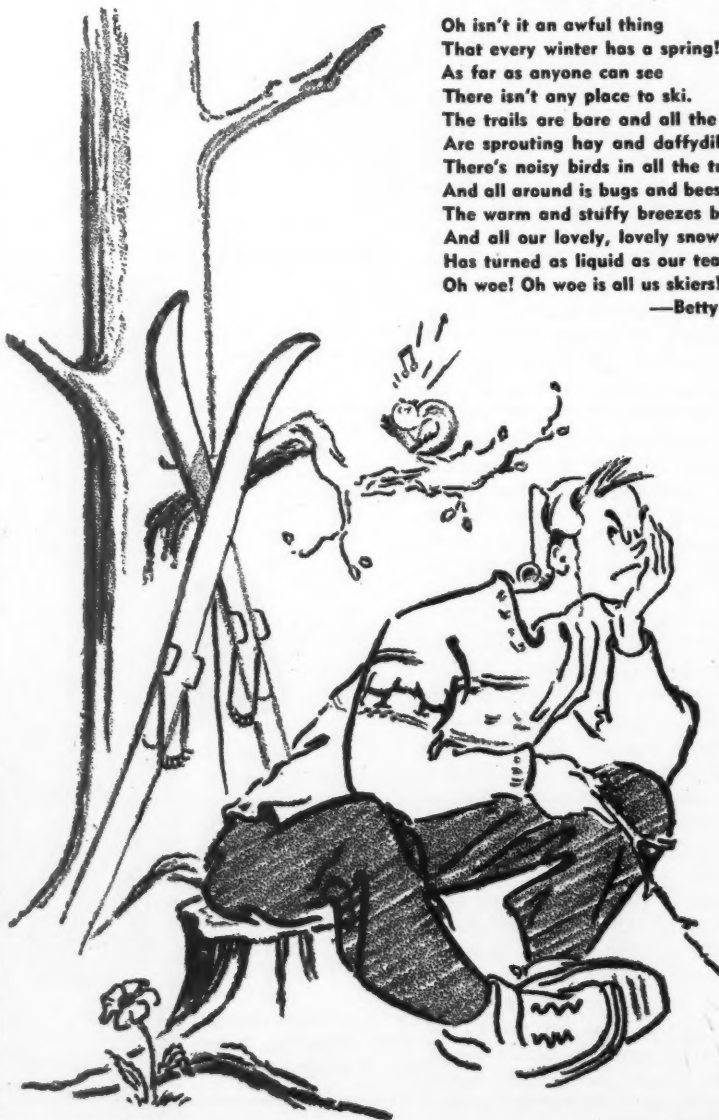
silver skis with a bright red arrow running the full length; my daughter decided on white for a base and red polka dots; and my youngest son picked light blue with boats painted on the tips (he is only six and he likes boats).

We have tried everything and found the wilder the design, the more fun it is. As a matter of fact we have found that by merely glancing over the skis waiting outside of any resort in the country we can locate quite a few of our friends. They have the wildest-looking skis you have ever seen, and you'll never catch any of them searching the outside of a warming house for a pair of old brown boards.

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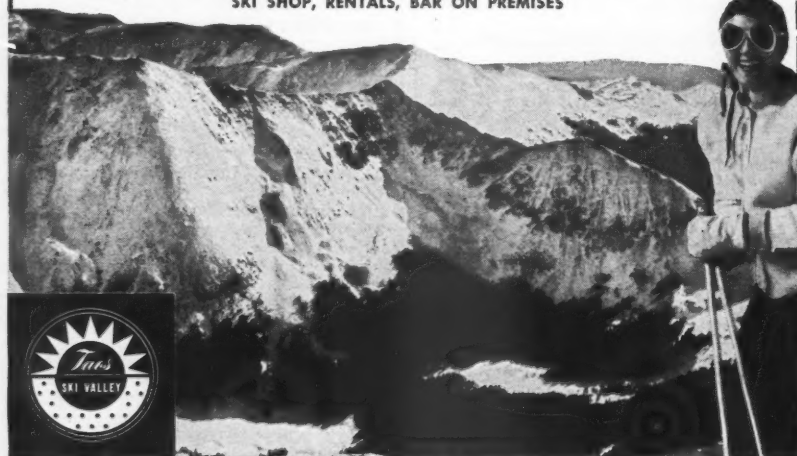
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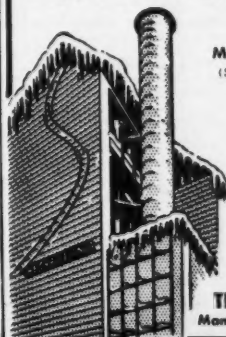
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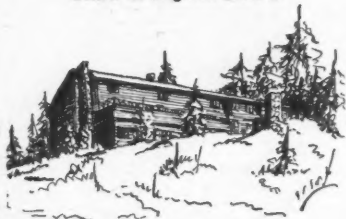
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The overcoat weather brought on a gathering of ski people at Nourse Auditorium in what used to be Commerce High on Van Ness, to see a film taken by John Jay of Massachusetts, who is a sort of deep freeze Burton Holmes.

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By LOUIS R. GUZZO

JOHN JAY, a man of fabulous experience and background, measured his phrases carefully, saying only enough to make his point economically and earnestly:

"When the Russians took down the bars to foreigners earlier this year, I just walked in through the back door. So simple I couldn't believe it. What I saw will stay with me a long time. I was impressed by some things, disgusted by some and alarmed by still others."

A bit of what he saw and recorded with his camera is contained in Jay's latest travel film, "Ski to Adventure," which he exhibited to full houses last Tuesday and Wednesday evenings at the Palomar. He must be classified as one of the astute and imaginative photographers and narrators in the business.



JOHN JAY

Jay has been coming to Seattle for 12 years with his brilliant documentaries, which are based on skiing reports but are actually revealing portraits of other peoples. It was about time we got around to him, and we were well rewarded. The Jay background has been told before—direct descendant of John Jay, chief justice of the United States and America's ambassador to Spain in 1870... graduate of Williams College in Massachusetts... Phi Beta Kappa... Rhodes scholar... trainer of ski troops in the Second World War... writer of documentary producer for Hollywood studios... lecturer... teacher. And, we might add, humorist, man of modesty and man of faith.

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Dear Friends,

Trying to top yourself every year is the best formula for ulcers that we know—but we're happy to report that "Ski to Adventure" has been solidly acclaimed from coast to coast as "the best you've ever done"—and our health is still good! John did lose a few hairs (which he can ill afford) during his hectic 48 hour, 6,000 mile, commute between California and New York, but he bore up nobly, and the large and enthusiastic crowds were a tonic par excellence. Everybody—skiers and non-skiers alike—seemed to enjoy its variety: the thrilling technique of world champions at Stowe, the Oriental beauty of Japan, the comedy of that Nipponese "football game" on skis, the fascinating behind-the-scenes glimpses of Russian life, and the striking contrast of the gay Swiss Alps. Samples:

A prominent U. S. Olympic skier—"I have finally gotten tired of seeing nothing but downhill in a ski film. Your idea of using skiing as a key to understanding foreign peoples is a wonderful change. It was a superb show that gave one a lot to think about."

Doug Pfeiffer, California ski instructor—"People enjoy your very gentle feather-touch humor which tickles the imagination, your sensitiveness which provokes sympathy, your humaneness which causes your audiences to leave the theatre with a good outlook on snow and skiers in general."

Malcolm Washburn, Pres., Norton Ski Club—"One of the finest presentations of ski films we have seen. Response here in Worcester was enthusiastic and brought forth much favorable comment. You have given us valuable insight in the lives of the Russians which certainly is needed at this time, and at the same time have given us a very enjoyable evening. Your Japanese 'football' sequence was delightful. Thank you."

Merle Goedjen, Pres., Snow Chase Club of Chicago—"We have individually told you countless times how we each year look forward to your return. We must admit, however, that we often wondered how you could surpass the success of a previous year. You have, and this year you have reached a new zenith. 'Ski to Adventure' has a wonderful change of pace from skiing to the background and customs of various countries—it is both instructive and colorful. Moreover, it was well received. I especially liked your treatment of the timely Russian sequences."

We are hard at work on next year's production (our 19th season!) which will include the FIS World Ski Championships at Bad Gastein, Austria, helicopter ski touring in Switzerland, and many new America ski centres, east and west. Book us now—by June we are usually sold out, and knee-deep in editing! See you next fall.

Sincerely,
John and Lois Jay

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